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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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TAGS: BBAK, BTRA, XF, XI

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON PETROMARKETS '79 AND TRAVEL BY  
U.S. BUSINESSMAN FRANCIS L. LENNON

1. THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON DOING BUSINESS IN  
PETROMARKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA FROM OCTOBER 9-14, 1978. THE WEEK  
LONG CONFERENCE ENTITLED "PETROMARKETS '79" IS SPONSORED  
BY MIDEAST AMERICAN BUSINESS COMPANY (MABCO). POSTS ARE  
FAMILIAR WITH MABCO AND ITS PRESIDENT FRANK LENNON AS  
SPONSOR OF SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO IN  
SEPT. 1977.

2. THE ORGANIZERS WORKED CLOSELY WITH CAGNE AND OTHER  
USG AGENCIES TO ENSURE HIGH STANDARDS IN 1977 EVENT.  
LENNON HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE WORKING  
RELATIONSHIP.

3. MABCO PRESIDENT LENNON INTENDS TO VISIT EACH OF THE  
ADDRESSEE POSTS BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER TO BRIEF EMBASSY  
PERSONNEL. USDOC INFORMED THAT HRH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN OF  
JORDAN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND  
MINISTER-LEVEL ACCEPTANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ALREADY FROM  
NORTH YEMEN AND THE SUDAN.

4. LENNON PLANS TO VISIT JORDAN, LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA  
AND OTHER PENINSULA AND GULF COUNTRIES STARTING MAY 12  
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AND WILL CALL ON EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL FOR APPOINTMENTS.

5. DAVID TRICKER, MABCO STAFF, WILL VISIT CAIRO AND MAY  
JOIN LENNON IN THE GULF PORTION OF THE TRIP. TRICKER,  
A BRITISH SUBJECT, WILL NOT CONTACT EMBASSY.

6. FRENCH NORTH AFRICA, LIBYA, IRAQ, SYRIA, SUDAN,  
SOMALIA AND DJIBOUTI ARE PROJECTED FOR SUMMER VISITS.

7. LENNON IS ALSO THE U. S. CORRESPONDENT FOR MIDDLE  
EAST ECONOMIC DIGEST (MEED). ASSISTANCE IN BOTH  
CAPACITIES IS REQUESTED. VANCE

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